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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : D. Romeo
Group Art Unit : 1647
Applicant : Hermann Oppermann, et al.
Application No. : 09/375,333
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the January 13, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of three month up to and including July 14, 2003 (July 13, 2003 being a Sunday).

Prior to examining this application, kindly amend the application as follows: